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In re Patent Application of

Kenji MATSUO et al

Date: April 28, 2005

Serial No.: 09/699,670

Group Art Unit: 2834

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Examiner: Julio C. Gonzale

For: ULTRASONIC VIBRATION APPARATUS FOR USE AS A SENSOR HAVING A
PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT MOUNTED IN A CYLINDRICAL CASING AND
GROOVES FILLED WITH FLEXIBLE FILLER

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 114, of the above-identified application.

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☐ If checked, please enter and consider the Amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

X If checked, an Amendment and/or Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) and/or IDS are enclosed.

☐ If checked, please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief and Reply Brief previously submitted.

☐ If checked, suspension of action is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (3 maximum). A petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed.

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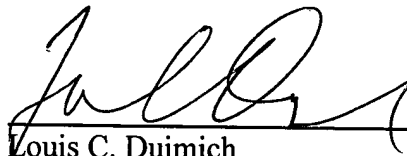
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.